

DR. HUDGENS DIES SUDDENLY LAST EVENING

Dr. Alonzo Lee Hudgens, a pioneer of Tonopah and one of the best known men in the west, passed away suddenly at his home in this city about 6:30 o'clock Monday. The news of the death came as a shock to this community, for few knew that Dr. Hudgens had been ill, although he had been confined to his residence for about ten days with an attack of liver trouble. Yesterday he appeared convalescent and was rapidly gaining strength. About five minutes prior to his demise he arose from his bed and walked to the bath room, where he was seized with an attack of heart failure and fell to the floor. Mrs. Hudgens heard the noise of the fall and assisted her husband to his bed, where he breathed his last in a few minutes and before medical aid could arrive.

Dr. Hudgens was about 44 years old and a native of Alabama, where relatives still reside. He is survived by his wife and a six-year-old son. The interment will take place in this city, the date to be announced later.

The deceased came to Tonopah during the infancy of the camp. At that time he was practicing his chosen profession, dentistry. Investments in stocks brought fortune, and the profession was abandoned. Dr. Hudgens with his family moved to San Francisco, where they resided until a few months ago. Mr. Hudgens became a member of the San Francisco stock exchange. Reverses were encountered and in a few years the once handsome fortune had dwindled away. Not at all disheartened, the family returned to Tonopah and about two months ago Dr. Hudgens resumed his practice.

He was one of the charter members of Mizpah lodge No. 25, Knights of Pythias, and also had the distinction of being the first Mason to be initiated by Tonopah lodge No. 28, F. & A. M. It will be under the auspices of the Masons that the funeral will be conducted. The deceased was also a member of Reno lodge No. 587, B. P. O. E.

Sincere sympathy is extended the widow and child by friends and acquaintances.

GOLDFIELD BANK SUES NYE COUNTY

Monday afternoon E. F. Patrick, the Goldfield attorney, filed at the county clerk's office a suit to recover \$7485.05, with interest, from Nye county. The suit is entitled the First National Bank of Goldfield versus County of Nye of the State of Nevada, and is brought on a certain promissory note executed on the 7th day of December, 1908, to the Nye and Ormsby County bank, with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, which amounts to \$923.15. Patrick also asks for \$1000 as attorney's fees.

This is the beginning of another interesting chapter in the episodes surrounding the closing of the Nye and Ormsby County bank. Several months before the now defunct institution closed its doors, a number of attempts were made to take up the note and more than once checks were presented. Each time came the information that the note was in Carson and would be immediately sent to this city. But after the bank had suspended, it was learned that the note had never been in Carson, but had been hypothecated to the First National bank of Goldfield by President Frank Golden of the Nye and Ormsby. The note was transferred by the Goldfield bank to the American National bank of San Francisco.

The San Francisco bank presented the note to the county commissioners for collection at their meeting during the fore part of this month, but the board refused to make the payment on the grounds that there is over \$60,000 now on deposit in the Nye and Ormsby bank.

The trial will be an interesting one and some sensational facts regarding the Nye and Ormsby and First National of Goldfield will be brought to light.

CHRIS MALATESTA NOW CLASSED AS A GRANDFATHER

Another prospective voter to Nye county arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simpson Monday morning. This latest addition to the city's population, the first in the Simpson family, weighed eight and a half pounds, and is doing well equally with its mother. Grandpa Chris Malatesta is also doing nicely—in fact his recovery is assured. According to Chris, the new arrival is quite a husky youngster and is as pretty as a picture, in no way resembling its grandfather.

Mr. Simpson, the proud father, is employed at the MacNamara mine.

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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR LITTLE TOTS

What is Christmas without a tree? For the little tots, the annual advent of St. Nick would not seem quite proper if there was no tree to decorate, and which would bear innumerable presents Christmas morning.

There will be no lack of trees for Tonopah during the present year for today the firm of Rotholz Brothers will receive a large consignment from the coast. There will be no sizes of trees at prices within the reach of all. In addition a shipment of holly berries and greens will be on display. Parties requiring trees are requested to call early and secure the pick of the lot.

STRIKE IS REPORTED ON SWANSON LEASE

Reports received Monday from Manhattan announce that an important strike has been made on the Swanson, Ross and Lyon lease on the Earl claim on Lidgation hill. While the statements are meagre, it is understood that ore was found in the shaft at a depth of about 210 feet, which will assay over \$600 to the ton.

Some exceptionally good ore has been encountered during the past two months, and if the new find proves to be half what is said about it, the lease should soon be paying handsome returns to the operators. Ore averaging \$50 a ton is now being treated in the Peterson mill, and is returning good profits.

Gilbert C. Ross, one of the owners of the lease, went to Manhattan Sunday morning to investigate the report. He is expected back today. Complete details will be published on his arrival.

BLOWOUT IN HONOR OF OLD ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday evening Fred Magud, an employee of the Montana mine, gave a little blowout at his home in honor of old St. Nicholas. Among the various nationalities represented at the festive board were Slavonians, Greeks, Turks, Armenians, Bulgarians, Montenegrans, Italians, Servians, Croats, Sicilians and a few others which space forbids mentioning in detail. The host tactfully prevented the Turks from beheading any of the Armenians, or the resumption of any old country vendettas or feuds among the Sicilians. It was a jolly crowd, and after a toast to each mother country, another to the health of each sovereign, and a few for good luck, all joined in singing familiar airs, such as "Kolo," "Rado Ide," "Onama," "Onama," and various others. The bunch sang just because they felt that way. No fatalities were reported.

SAYS WELL COSTUMED LADY IS A STUDY

"Somebody, it matters not who, once said that 'a well costumed lady is a study.' This will prove true at the masquerade New Year's eve at the Miners' Exchange hall. The costumes for both sexes of the dance loving public are being well chosen, with great consideration for their purpose. The prizes are worth competing for and every one will be tendered to the lucky person or persons on the evening of the ball. If elaborate costumes are required, and this is assured, it will be safe to say that the magnificence of the evening will be unsurpassed and a keen rivalry is promised. The management of the grand affair is sparing no means to make the ball one of the greatest efforts ever held in Tonopah.

DECIDES OWNERSHIP OF MINING CLAIMS

Judge Averill in the district court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Libby et al versus W. H. Johnson et al. The suit was over three mining claims in the Morey district which had been located several times by different parties. Judge Averill's decision was in favor of the defendant for two of the claims, a final decision being reserved in the third claim. The court stated that it was willing to reopen the case with reference to the remaining claim, which will probably be done by the contesting parties, as the land is quite valuable.

WILL PERRINI IS RAPIDLY RECOVERING

Will Perrini, who was taken to the Trinity hospital at San Francisco a few days ago, is reported as progressing favorably. A letter received from Mr. Perrini yesterday stated that the injury to his leg was rapidly becoming better and that he expected to be out on crutches in a few weeks.

Clarence Mayes left yesterday for San Francisco to spend the holidays.

LEASERS START SINKING ON THE BOOTH

Arthur Weber and Arthur L. Stevenson returned late yesterday afternoon from the Cincinnati group of claims near Railroad Springs, in which they with J. A. McLaughlin and Harry Reese of Lincoln, Neb., and Henry Weber recently became interested.

Mr. Weber said last night that the ground under the present development work was looking better than at any time since it was acquired by the company, and that in exploring the block with tunnels values had lately been encountered which ran as high as \$78 to the ton.

This rich stuff is found in a honeycomb quartz formation within a very few feet of where for many feet and in several different places the values had ranged in the vicinity of \$20 to the ton.

The latest find is in a wing dropped 17 feet below the lowest tunnel level, and is believed to mark the continuation of the rich stuff downward, and at the same time warrant the belief that wherever the \$20 rock has been encountered, sinking will show the improved values.

It is planned to sink a shaft soon to connect with the tunnel work, which will be reached at a vertical depth of approximately 50 feet.—Goldfield Tribune.

UNION WILL ENTERTAIN THE LITTLE TOTS

Every child in Tonopah is requested to visit the Miners' Union Christmas tree Christmas afternoon, at the union hall, and receive a present. In addition numerous toothsome delicacies will be distributed to the youngsters. The committee in charge is rapidly completing arrangements for the entertaining of the little tots and if a single one is overlooked it will not be the fault of the miners.

On Sunday afternoon the children will again be the guests of the Miners' union at the Butler theatre, where special performances will be given. Manager Jake Goodfriend has donated the use of his house for the occasion, and in addition will show nothing but the best of pictures.

TONOPAH MINING SOARS IN NEW YORK

Reports reached Tonopah Monday that during the past week Tonopah Mining stock has been selling at fabulous prices on the New York exchange. A number of sales were reported as high as \$8, while considerable of the stock changed hands in prices away in excess of those quoted on the San Francisco stock exchange. The heavy advance was recorded several days before the declaring of the dividend, showing that the action of the directors was anticipated by the New York brokers.

HAPPY TONOPAH HOME DARKENED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ella Sheridan, aged 36 years, died at 5 o'clock Monday morning at her home in this city from Bright's disease. What makes the demise all the more sorrowful is that only ten days ago Mrs. Sheridan gave birth to a boy.

Mr. Sheridan is employed at the West End mine and will leave Wednesday with the remains for Ogden for interment. The infant will be cared for by friends during his absence on the sad journey.

The deceased is also survived by five sisters and two brothers, none of whom reside in Tonopah.

MINER MEETS WITH SLIGHT ACCIDENT

Jack Blurz, a miner employed at the MacNamara, was slightly injured yesterday when a quantity of rock and dirt fell upon him. The injuries were confined to his back, but are not considered serious, as no bones were broken, only a few slight abrasions resulting.

RUMOR AFLOAT ABOUT THE RAILROAD SHOPS

It was rumored Monday that the railroad shops would be rebuilt in Goldfield. This does not seem probable as it is almost certain that the railroad officials will rebuild in the section where they derive the larger part of their business, namely Tonopah.

NEW ARRIVAL IN GUISTI FAMILY

A nine and a half pound girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Guisti Sunday morning. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

A petition for the distribution of the estate of Robert Henderson was granted in the district court yesterday and the administrator dismissed.

LEASES ACTIVE IN THE LUCKYBOY MINING DISTRICT

Paul Tarpey Says Different Properties are Showing up in Splendid Shape.

Paul Tarpey is back from the Luckyboy district, where he spent the last three days in looking over the different mining properties. Mr. Tarpey is quite optimistic over the situation in the northern camp and states that a feeling of prosperity is now prevalent among those interested in leases and mines. Nearly all traces of the sudden slump, which was in evidence several months ago, has disappeared and indications point to the district developing into a richer proposition than heretofore.

"For the last ten days," said Mr. Tarpey, "developments on the Mountain King property, or Hubbard lease as it was formerly called, have been confined mostly to the 500 and 550-foot levels in the west workings. In the west drift of the 500 level, 7½ feet of extremely rich ore has been encountered. The values are in silver and lead. Close assays show that this will go over \$200 to the ton. The real sensation was found on the 550-foot level, where 4½ feet of ore was encountered that will run over 600 ounces in silver. The lead doesn't predominate at this spot, as is the case in the other sections of the mine.

"In the east drifts on the 390, 350 and 400-foot levels, the work is confined to opening up a shoot of ore that has been followed to the line of the Collins lease, adjoining. The development is being carried up in steps. This body is not as rich as the ore on the 500 and 550 levels, but it is very rich in places and on the whole makes exceedingly good shipping ore.

"The management is working about 60 men in the mine. The only lease in the district with a vein is the McCormack property, which has from 2½ to 3½ feet of ore. This is being sacked and shipments average about a car a week.

"The Spencer lease, which lies between the McCormack and the

main workings, encountered quite a bit of water some time ago, which necessitated the suspension of operations. The officials of this property are now in Ogden conferring as to the advisability of installing machinery for pumping purposes.

"A compressor is being installed on the McCarthy lease, above the Mountain King shaft. The operators here expect to sink 100 feet further before drifting or crosscutting is undertaken.

"A sub-lease has been granted on the ground known as the Box lease, to a couple of men who discovered a small silver-lead vein on the surface. These men are now sinking a shaft on the vein, and if the discovery warrants, will move the Box hoisting apparatus to the new point of operation.

"Some Salt Lake people recently purchased five claims on the side of Little Squaw creek. They are now sinking on a strong ledge and besides are erecting a hoist on the property.

"The Oddie lease looks more encouraging at the present time than it has since work was first started. In the crosscut from the 300-foot level, the workings encountered a likely looking ledge carrying liver colored spar, which has always been an indication of ore in the big workings. Oddie is now engaged in drifting both directions on this ledge in search of the pay shoot.

"The bond secured by the United States Smelting company on the Mountain King expires on the first of January. In case the option is not taken up Adams and Miller, the present owners, will resume sinking in the shaft and will carry out their idea of drifting every 50 feet. The district has attracted the attention of the mining men of Salt Lake and a large amount of Utah money is being expended in developing the camp. At the rate operations are now being conducted, several of the leases should be in the shipping before spring is half over."

PHIL SCOTT ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT CHARGE

After deliberating for over two hours, the jury in the case of Phil Scott, charged with assault with intent to kill, shortly before 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The case has been on in the district court for the past week and has attracted considerable attention, owing to the fact that Scott was primarily charged with high grading at Manhattan. Yesterday was consumed by the state in presenting rebuttal testimony, and the arguments on the instructions to the jury started late in the afternoon. Judge Averill ordered a night session, and at 8 o'clock Attorney Morris started on the opening address for the state. He was followed by Judge J. A. Saunders for the defendant. District Attorney Cleve H. Baker made the closing argument, and about midnight the case was submitted to the jury, with the result as above stated. It is now probable that the case against Cap Belmont, who was indicted on the same charge, will be dismissed.

This is another case of the late grand jury in bringing in indictments when there is no evidence to convict. This case has cost the taxpayers a good sum. Again the Bonanza says, the grand jury system is a farce. The last two grand juries of Nye county have cost the taxpayers an enormous sum of money. Someone is to blame.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PYTHIAN CHILDREN

All the Pythian children of Tonopah will be entertained tomorrow afternoon at the castle hall over the postoffice. The affair is under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters, who have arranged that a present will be on the tree for every youngster. Candles, nuts, popcorn, and other delicacies will also be distributed. The Sisters, it is rumored, will place presents on the tree for the members of the Knights of Pythias who in turn have something in store for the members of the auxiliary order. This will be a great time for all Pythians. Every Knight and visiting Knight and Pythian Sister is invited to attend the Christmas tree festivities.

MINERS' UNION PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS DANCE

Preparations are being rapidly completed for the benefit ball to be given Christmas eve by the Tonopah Miners' union. The proceeds of the dance will be turned over to the Miners' hospital, and with this worthy object in view, every person in town can afford to purchase a ticket whether they intend to attend the affair or not.

Special music has been secured and dancing will indeed be enjoyed on this occasion. The boys from the union understand the art of giving dances and no stone will be left unturned that will in any way detract from the enjoyment of the evening. The tickets have been placed on sale at the business houses, and can also be secured from any member of the Miners' union. It is to be hoped that every male in Tonopah will see to it that he is a purchaser of a ticket to this great event.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH? Christmas comes but once a year And bless our souls for that: For if it came much oftener We'd have to pass the hat.

Frank Peterson arrived last evening from Manhattan.

SEEKING TO PREVENT LOOTING OF MAYFLOWER

According to the Rhyolite Herald, A. C. Elsen is endeavoring to secure control of the Mayflower mine by methods described as unscrupulous. An appeal has been made to every shareholder to prevent the "looting" of the Mayflower and the residents of Rhyolite, who hold the stock, are now devising means to thwart Mr. Elsen.

Elsen proposes to form a leasing company and take over the Mayflower, which, he states, is hopelessly in debt. Sentiment is quite strong in southern Nye against the methods of Elsen and from the lengthy article in the Herald, it appears he has "bit off more than he can chew."

Elsen is well known in Tonopah, having joined in the Goldfield rush while residing in this city. He was never considered unscrupulous but the audacity of the move concerning the Mayflower places him in the ranks of southern Nevada's captains of industry.

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FORMER TONOPAH COUPLE MARRIED IN NEW YORK

Last Sunday at New York, Eugene Cerf and Miss Katharine McCaffrey were united in marriage and immediately after the ceremony departed for the Bermuda Islands for a honeymoon.

Miss McCaffrey, who is a sister of Mrs. James W. Conkle of Tonopah, is well known in this city and has many friends throughout the state. The groom was connected with the Tonopah office of the E. Sutro brokerage office during the early days of Tonopah, and has pursued his vocation of broker in many of the southern Nevada mining camps. The couple will reside in New York on their return from the wedding trip.

GOING TO PASADENA

Miss Jessie Logan visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson Thursday, while on her way to Pasadena, via Tonopah. The Logans have leased their ranch to Tom Chambers and William Bockman, and the family expects soon to remove to Pasadena, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Logan and her family have many warm friends in Smoky valley and the northern Nye county mining camps who will miss them to no small extent.—Round Mountain Nugget.

HEAVY FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Every reserve locomotive and road engine owned by the Utah division of the Southern Pacific railroad is now in commission between Ogden and Sparks, Nev., in an attempt to handle without further delay the great mid-winter transcontinental freight shipment. The opening of the orange shipping season from California, together with the heavy traffic in freight from the east is taxing the Southern Pacific roads to the limit.

The story that no dining cars are to be run on the Western Pacific passenger trains has been officially denied. When the road opens for passenger traffic, which will be about April 1, it will have in service some of the finest dining cars ever seen in the west, if not in the country. A number of these cars are now being built in the shops of the Barney and Smith company of Dayton, Ohio. It is claimed they will be the finest dining cars ever operated by a western road.

Victor Brandt, a former Tonopah man but who now resides at Hot Creek, is spending several days in this city renewing acquaintances with old friends. Mr. Brandt says that the people of his home district are anxiously awaiting the advent of the Ely-Goldfield road, and then things will commence to hum.

The Chronicle-Union is authority for the statement that the prohibitionists will shortly descend upon Mono and try to make it "dry." There was a man in Los Angeles dropped dead Sunday while talking temperance.

FRANK PITTMAN ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Frank Pittman is seriously ill at the home of his brother, Key Pittman, in this city, with pneumonia, resulting from a cold contracted some time ago. While his condition is not alarming, every precaution is being taken. It was intended to take Mr. Pittman to Los Angeles yesterday but on the advice of Dr. Hammond the trip was abandoned until such time as he has sufficiently recovered.

Dr. H. C. King leaves this morning for Los Angeles to join his wife and family. Dr. King has closed his dental office in this city and will shortly open an office in the southern California city, where he will make a specialty of porcelain dental work.

Superintendent W. H. Blackburn of the Tonopah Mining company departed yesterday morning for Mina.

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, In the matter of the estate of Robert Henderson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that John A. Moffat, the administrator of the estate of Robert Henderson, deceased, has presented for settlement his final account, and filed his petition for distribution, of his administration of said estate; and that Monday, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, at the court-room of said court at the town of Tonopah, in said county of Nye, state of Nevada, has been duly appointed by the judge of said court for the settlement of the final account, and the hearing of the petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and show cause why the final account should not be approved and allowed and confirmed, and the property distributed in accordance with the petition for distribution.

Dated this 26th day of November, A. D. 1909.

ROBERT G. POHL,
Clerk of Court.
By LOWELL DANIELS, Deputy.